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BOSTON, SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1876.
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THE LEGISLATURE.

It is given out that an early adjournment of this body is to be expected. The Senate has not yet up the motion bill again, or a vote of non-consideration. Much routine business was transacted. The bill for the adoption of children was ordered to a third reading. The Senatorial District bill was passed to a third reading, as it was sent up from the House. The bill to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors was ordered engrossed. The bill relating to town subscriptions to railroad stock was defeated. A report was presented favorable to the legitimation of the Parton marriage. In the House, the resolve granting \$3000 to the Agricultural College, which was once rejected, has been entertained, and gone into the regular order of business. The militia bill has been under discussion, but is not yet disposed of. A Superintendent of State Printing has been proposed. The bill in the up in relation to the construction of the insane, the bill concerning the descent of property was likewise considered.

Congress.

In the Senate, the Silver Bill was passed with certain amendments, among them that of striking out the legal-tender provision. The bill to regulate the coinage of silver dollars has been under discussion, and numerous amendments have been considered. In the House, the Tariff bill is still under consideration, and the Committee on Commerce has made two reports on reciprocity with Canada. The appropriation bills continue to be discussed. The River and Harbor bill, appropriating nearly six million dollars, has been passed. Both branches have passed the bill putting back the Executive salary to \$23,000, after March 4th, 1877. The investigations before the committees are pushed with increased interest and energy, and the disclosures are more and more damaging continually. Preparations are nearly concluded for the pending impeachment trial. The Hawaiian Treaty has engaged much of the attention of the House, the prospect being, at the time of our going to press, that the vote would at last be a close one. The Shipping Committee has been greatly modified by the Senate.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

The reciprocity treaty proposed to the United States by the Government of the Hawaiian Islands, whatever may be said of its provisions commercially, goes direct to the extinction of one thing of which we of this country cannot afford to be oblivious. We of course refer only to the opportunity which this treaty gives us to block England's game of ambition, in her plan to complete that remarkable chain of ports, extending from the farthest Southern Ocean to the Northern Hemisphere, which was the object of the Treaty of 1842. Unless Winslow is succeeded by a few days that the British Parliament has endorsed the Queen with the title of Empress of India; it is England's success in establishing her continuous chain of naval stations in the Pacific as she has already done in the Atlantic, and Parliament may as well add to her other title of Queen than of Empress of the Ocean also.

The government of the Sandwich Islands desires a staple and fixed connection with the world, which it can best secure by the means of a commercial treaty. This it has declared its purpose to make such a treaty with Australia, which is Great Britain, in case we of the United States turn a deaf ear to this. The treaty it offers us at this time gives us the permanent privilages, and the opportunity to share in the commercial currents of the Pacific instead of yielding up everything to Great Britain, just as much as the American continent on the Pacific side from the populous East, with which it is to be our future interest to cultivate closer commercial relations, it ought to be perfectly clear that we should make every possible exertion to prevent England's power from securing that marked advantage which belongs most naturally to ourselves. Unless Congress accepts this offer of the Hawaiian Government, it will be made to Australia, and from that day Great Britain will command the highways of commerce on the Pacific, as she now does on the Atlantic.

THE CHINESE EXCITEMENT.

Our friends in the Pacific coast are at present in a state of considerable excitement over the Chinese question, which comes in the diplomatic form. Just at present they are holding mass meetings in San Francisco, at which the hottest heads are threatening "steel and fire" against the offending Asiatics. Since 1868, as it is stated, some hundred thousand Chinese have come over to California, of which over thirty thousand are reported to remain in San Francisco. The new excitement over them has broken out in consequence of the active competition which they cause in various branches of industry, as well as of the vicious clamshells which leads them to live as a distinct population among the natives. There is an immigration system established by the Six Companies, which is the prevailing system in China. These Six Companies have just issued an address to the American people, with a view to allay the excitement attending the popular meetings in San Francisco.

What makes these Celestials the more offensive to Americans in California, besides the fact that they see more of them than any other section of the country does, is that they do not come over with the intention of becoming permanent citizens, like the European immigrants, bringing their families with them, but because they come rather as foreigners, all the time intending to return. The contract under which the Six Companies import them to America, although it cannot be proved to contain the element of slavery, does not seem to operate just as effectually in this direction as in others. They are carefully selected and rigidly bound to the contract before they leave their native country, the Companies find them work and look carefully after them, while they are here, they pay a certain royalty, or bounty, to the Companies, and the latter bind themselves to return them to their native shores, slave or free.

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